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FOLLOWING REPEAT ATHENS 8246 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED
17 NOVEMBER 1974:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 8246

DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT GR

SUBJ: GREEK ELECTIONS - TENTATIVE RESULTS

1. WHILE RESULTS OF ONLY ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL
VOTE HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AS OF 2400 HOURS LOCAL TIME
NOVEMBER 17, EARLY TREND IS DECISIVE VICTORY FOR PM
CARAMANLIS' NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY. TENTATIVE RESULTS
AS DISSEMINATED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEW DEMOCRACY - 55.7

CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES - 20.75

PASOK - 12.8

UNITED LEFT - 9

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EDE (GAROUFALIAS) - 1.2

OTHERS - 1.1

NEW DEMOCRACY VICTORY IS BEING DESCRIBED BY PRESS CORPS AS LANDSLIDE FOR CARAMANLIS WHO HAS RECEIVED EMPHATIC PUBLIC MANDATE. LOCAL PRESS EDITORS ARE PROJECTING FINAL RESULTS AS FOLLOWS: NEW DEMOCRACY 53-56 PERCENT, CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES 18-22 PERCENT, PASOK 12-15 PERCENT AND UNITED LEFT 9-12 PERCENT.

2. ELECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN DISPASSIONATE ATMOSPHERE WITH NO INCIDENTS REPORTED ANYWHERE IN NATION. MINISTER OF PUBLIC ORDER THIS EVENING CONGRATULATED GREEK PUBLIC ON ITS POLITICAL MATURITY AND THANKED ARMED FORCES FOR COOPERATION DURING ELECTION PERIOD. FINAL TABULATION OF RESULTS IS EXPECTED MORNING NOVEMBER 18 WHICH EMBASSY WILL REPORT. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF STRONG VICTORY FOR CARAMANLIS TO FOLLOW.

3. PRIME MINISTER ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 17.

"ELECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN A SMOOTH, VIRTUALLY UNIQUE I WOULD SAY WAY. THE PEOPLE AFTER TEN YEARS OF ANOMALY EXERCISED THEIR VOTING RIGHT IN FULL FREEDOM. AND THEY TOOK PART IN THE ELECTORAL PROCEDURE WITH ENTHUSIASM, BUT WITHOUT THE UNHEALTHY FANATICISM OF THE PAST."

"THE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR CHOICE. NOW THE PERIOD OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF US IS STARTING. BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS THE NATION IS FACED WITH ARE MANY AND CRUCIAL, VICTORS AND VANQUISHED, RESPECTING THE PEOPLE'S DECISION AND THE RULES OF DEMOCRACY, MUST ASSIST THE SMOOTH AND CALM DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE."

"DURING THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN CERTAIN PARTISAN VIEWS WERE STRESSED BUT THESE SHOULD NOW BE FORGOTTEN. BECAUSE BEYOND THESE PARTISAN VIEWS, WE MUST BE UNITED BY OUR COMMON DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE IN SETTING THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY AND SECURING PROGRESS FOR OUR COUNTRY." KUBISCH UNQTE INGERSOLL
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